



PRESIDENT INTERVIEW

Japanese Desirous of Securing New Treaty.

IMPORTANT PROVISIONS

Each Country to Have the Power to Exclude Foreign Laborers.

FOR JAPANESE EXCLUSION

Stated That Secretary Root Under the Direction of President Roosevelt, is Negotiating for New Treaty With Japan.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, says: "Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, went to the White House yesterday at the invitation of the President. They discussed a proposition to negotiate an entirely new treaty, specifically recognizing the right of each country to exclude the laborers of the other."

"Such a provision is contained in the present treaty, but the President and the Japanese ambassador thought it would satisfy the pride of the Japanese if their right to treat the Americans as the Americans treat them were recognized."

"It was also believed that a new treaty would please the people of California and show them that the President is prepared to go to the extent of excluding coolie Chinese if it should become necessary. Such a treaty would receive but little opposition in the Senate."

"It would almost inevitably be followed by a Japanese exclusion law barring out all laborers from the Mikado's islands. Our laborers would, thereupon, be barred by Japan."

"All this is specifically provided for in the existing treaty, but diplomatic methods are devious and the President probably has a definite purpose which will be disclosed later on."

"It was said yesterday that Secretary Root, under the direction of the President, is actually engaged in the negotiation of a new treaty with Japan, which will specifically admit the people of that nation to the same rights of education as are granted to European aliens, no more and no less. If it be true that such a treaty is being negotiated, it will never get farther than the door of the Senate. The present sentiment in that body is such that not over 10 per cent of the Republicans and none of the Democrats would vote for a treaty which in any way attempted to limit the rights of a municipality or of a state to manage its own school system."

REPORT DENIED.

Pacific Mail Company Not to Land at San Pedro.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—General Manager Schwerin of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, made absolute denial yesterday of the report emanating from Los Angeles, to the effect that San Pedro would be made a port of call for the Pacific Mail steamers, and eventually a trans-Pacific terminal for boats of the service.

According to the dispatch sent to Los Angeles from San Pedro, the Southern Pacific agents at San Pedro had announced the establishment there of a new Pacific water port.

When the dispatch was read to him, Schwerin said: "I never heard of this

thing before. There is no such thing as it. We have all we can attend to here at San Francisco. There is no prospect of such an arrangement being made."

ORDERED ROLLING STOCK.

Southern Pacific Places Large Order For Cars.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The Southern Pacific has just ordered constructed about \$8,500,000 worth of rolling stock and has placed orders aggregating \$4,000,000 with different locomotive and car manufacturing concerns, so that its equivalent may be augmented as quickly as possible to meet the growing demands for more cars and more facilities for transportation.

The figures as given out at the general manager's office yesterday shows a very material enlargement of the equipment of the company.

Compared with the rolling stock now in commission the prospective additions amount in some cases to 250 per cent.

FIRST LECTURE.

Commander Peary Will Lecture on "In the Far North."

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Commander Peary will give the first lecture of his experience "In the Far North," in the American Museum of Natural History on Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the Peary Arctic club. His address will be illustrated with pictures. At the conclusion of the address, the public will be given an opportunity to meet him personally.

SPLITTING POWDER

Causes Explosion in Quincy, Mississippi Powder Mines.

FOURTEEN BOXES EXPLODED

One Man Killed and Several Injured and Mining Shaft is Badly Damaged and Number of Miners Buried in Debris.

HOUGHTON, Miss., Dec. 6.—Because a Finnish miner was careless with his lamp, one man, William Goggin, was killed and three others, Dennis Shea, John Sullivan and John Handley, were injured at the Quincy mine last night. Shea cannot live.

The miner was splitting powder in his hand when hot grease fell from the lamp, firing it. He became frightened, and dropped the powder, burning into a box of powder which was fired and caught fourteen other boxes. The explosion killed Goggin and threw Shea and Sullivan down the shaft to the twenty-third level.

The shaft is badly damaged, from the eighteenth to the twenty-fourth level and operations are necessarily held up. Rescuing parties had great difficulty in bringing up the suffocating miners. Forty men of the night shift had gone down just before the explosion. It is not known how many are yet down.

TORN DOWN FOR FUEL.

Historic Cabin in the Couer D'Alenes Is Demolished.

SPOKANE, Dec. 6.—The fuel famine at Wardner, Idaho, has reached a most acute stage. As a result of the famine, the historic cabin erected by Jack Smith, John King and John Flaherty in 1885, has been torn down and will be used for fuel. The cabin was the first one erected after the strike made at Bunker and Sullivan mine. E. Bolger, proprietor of the Spokane hotel at Wardner, was the proprietor. Many interesting stories were connected with the old house, and the majority of prosperous mining men spent part of their time in the historic house in the early days in the Couer D'Alenes.

AMERICAN SHIPPING

American Vessels in the Coastwise Trade.

VOTE WAS A SURPRISE

Resolutions Introduced Relative to Lumber Trade of the Country.

INVESTIGATE HARRIMAN SYSTEM

Large Amount of Business Transacted in Both Houses of Congress in Which Investigations Have Been Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The House today by a vote of 110 for to 164 against, defeated the bill introduced by Representative Littlefield of Ohio, providing for the removal of discriminations against American vessels engaged in the coastwise trade. The debate raged for four hours and a half and the vote was a surprise to the friends of the measure, who openly charged its defeat to the American Federation of Labor, which has made a strong fight against the bill. The delegation from California, as well as representatives from other western states, saw in the bill an opportunity to file a protest against restricting the rights of states to deal with the pilotage question at first hand and they availed themselves of the opportunity to go on record.

Senator Kitteridge introduced a resolution in the Senate desiring an investigation by the Department of Commerce and Labor into the lumber trade of the country and to ascertain whether there is in existence a trust or agreement among the dealers.

The Senate today called upon the President and Secretary of War to furnish all the information compatible with the public interest regarding the discharge of the negro troops at Brownsville, Texas. Two resolutions were adopted to accomplish this purpose, one to the President and the other to the Secretary of War. Action on the resolutions was followed by a debate of two hours, in which the merits of the discharged soldiers received attention. Senator Morgan devoted two hours in his discussion of his resolution to secure control of the Panama railroad by the Isthmus canal.

A compromise on the ship subsidy bill seems in sight. At a meeting of the House committee on merchant marine and fisheries today, Chairman Grosvenor suggested an amendment to the Gallinger bill which limits subsidies to the South American and Oriental trade.

An appropriation by congress of at least \$50,000,000 annually for the improvement of rivers and harbors was the key-note of speeches delivered before the National Rivers and Harbors Congress today. Among the speakers were Speaker Cannon and Chairman Burton of the House committee on rivers and harbors. Cannon warned the delegates not to expect too much, because too much cannot be done at one time. Burton said the committee should not ask for an appropriation from congress for any particular projects of the country. Among the speakers were John Barrett, minister to Columbia and J. N. Teal, of Portland, Oregon.

KEEPING FUNDS.

Ten Thousand Frisco Relief Fund Not Accounted For.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Sensational charges were made by James Morley at the Pacific Coast League meeting this afternoon, where President Bert is up for re-election. Morley charged Bert with being incompetent, but added:

"What became of the \$10,000 which was sent by the Eastern ball clubs for the Pacific Coast League after the earthquake, and which was expected to be used for the benefit of the clubs which suffered from the disaster? I know that Bert never distributed the funds, and I am not afraid to get up and charge him with never accounting for the money. Just so long as the league keeps Bert at the head I will fight it in every way that I can, and I have several things up my sleeve."

Russ Hall today said he was opposed to Fresno's membership in the league, because of non-support of the game there. He favored Stockton or Sacramento to fill the vacancy should the Raisin City be dropped.

BULLET IN BACK.

Idaho Stage Driver Shot by a Sheriff and Seriously Wounded.

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho, Dec. 6.—Ben Harris, who drives the Brunneau stage, was shot in the back last night and seriously wounded by Sheriff Ross. Several men with sacks were making a raid on the railroad company's coal cars when Sheriff Ross appeared on the scene. All ran out of range except Harris. The sheriff fired and Harris was hit in the back. Harris is reported better this afternoon.

COMMISSION MEETS

Preliminary Steps to Investigate Harriman System.

MEETING HELD WITHIN MONTH

Interstate Commerce Commission Has Ordered an Investigation Growing Out of Common Control of S. P. and U. P. Roads.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Preliminary steps incidental to the investigation of the relations between certain roads forming part of what is known as the Harriman system, were taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. Attorneys have been retained and arrangements made for beginning the hearings later in the month, the exact date not having been selected. Chairman Knapp estimates that it will take at least sixty days to complete the investigation.

The following statement was given out by the commission: "The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered an investigation of the relations of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific systems, growing out of their common management and control. Frank B. Kellogg and C. A. Severance of St. Paul have been retained to take charge of the investigations, which will extend from New York to San Francisco. A conference was held today between the commission and the counsel at which the subject was fully discussed and considered, but the dates for hearing and other details have not yet been determined."

GLUCOSE IN CANDY.

Glucose Company Pays Fines Aggregating Half a Million.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—Announcement was made today that the Corn Products Refining Company, a member of the alleged glucose trust, had made a settlement at a cost of half a million dollars for all cases brought in Pennsylvania by Dairy and Food Commissioner Warren against persons selling candies containing glucose.

INVESTIGATE RAILROADS

Charges of Stealing Coal Lands Reported.

TESTIMONY PUBLISHED

To What Extent Public Officials Involved Is Not Made Apparent.

KNAPP'S MAKES STATEMENT

Report of Commission Will Cover All Railroads Engaged in the Transportation of Coal and Engaged in Mining Business.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Interstate Commerce Commission, which was authorized by the Tillman-Gillispie resolution to investigate the relations of the various railroads with the business of transportation, mining and handling coal, will soon prepare its report for submission to the present session of congress. E. E. Clark, who has been investigating the methods of the Rio Grande Western, or Gould lines in Colorado, will return to Washington tomorrow or Saturday and the commission will then go through the thousand pages of testimony that have been taken and prepare its report.

In an interview tonight, Chairman Knapp of the commission, called attention to the fact that all the testimony which had been gathered by Commissioner Prouty on the coal land operations of the Union Pacific system was taken at public sessions and fully published. "To what extent, if at all," said Mr. Knapp, "the testimony involves in any way members of the United States Senate or other public officials, I cannot say, as I have had no opportunity to read it all, but my belief is that none of the senators or public officials are implicated to any such extent as indicated." In a publication today, Mr. Knapp said there was no friction between the commission and the interior department.

BUILD TO MOSCOW.

Extension to Lewiston and Clarkston Probable.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 6.—The Spokane & Inland Electric Railway is to be extended from Palouse to Moscow. The contract for the 15 miles has been awarded to Grant Smith & Co. of this city. It is expected the line will be extended to Genesee, Lewiston and Clarkston during the coming year. While the amount of the contract is withheld, it is believed to have been in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

Railroads and Employes Come to a Definite Understanding.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A complete agreement will be reached today between the committees of the Trainmen and Conductors of the New York Central Railroad and the railroad officials. The conferences have been going on for about ten days. Superintendent C. W. Smith of the New York Central said last night that an agreement had been practically reached, but that there are some small details to be arranged.

"Everything will be completely settled within 24 hours," he said. "There were many details to be gone over, but

there was never a hitch. The conductors will get an increase of wages. The engineers, firemen and telegraphers have already received increases."

SECURED VERDICT.

May Garlick Recovers \$4,000 Damages for Broken Leg.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—May Garlick, an old time opera singer, who married an Italian nobleman, the Marquis de Feo, got a verdict of \$4,000 in the Supreme Court yesterday against the Metropolitan Street Railway Company. She testified that 11 years ago as she was getting off a car she was thrown backward, breaking her ankle and suffering injuries which made it impossible for her to pursue her stage and operatic career.

CLIFTON FLOOD.

Loss by Flood to Town Close to One Million Dollars.

MORENCI, Ariz., Dec. 6.—The Clifton flood damaged over half the town. It destroyed sixteen houses and ten other buildings and drowned between fifteen and twenty persons, mostly Mexicans. The high water mark was two feet higher than ever before. The Cornado railroad between Clifton and Metcalf was almost entirely washed out. Several Mexicans were shot for looting. The smelter and works of the Arizona Copper company were badly damaged. The Herald printing office is a complete loss and the Era printing office is buried half in mud. Nearly all the adobe buildings in the city collapsed. The damage is estimated close to one million dollars. The town will now probably be moved to higher ground.

BAILEY IS ACCUSED

Attorney General Alleges Senator Bailey Received Money.

MONEY RECEIVED AS A LOAN

Texas Senator Admits Having Received Large Sums of Money, But Not in His Official Capacity or as Senator.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 6.—In an extended statement issued today, Senator Bailey answers the charges made by State Attorney General Davidson, that Bailey received money from both the Waters-Pierce and Standard Oil companies, through President H. Clay Pierce for securing the readmission of the Waters-Pierce Oil company in this state, after it had been ousted six years ago. Bailey admits having received \$15,000 from Pierce as charged by Davidson, but declares it was a loan and he returned it. He also admits having received \$8,000 as a loan from Pierce. He gave Pierce his note for this, but the note has been lost, but Bailey has an acknowledgment in writing of the satisfaction of the loan. Bailey says when he asked Davidson to show him documentary evidence to back his (Davidson's) assertions, Davidson answered he would not do so unless Bailey would say that he never received money from H. C. Pierce. Bailey says Davidson knew it was impossible for Bailey to comply with such an impossible condition. He says Davidson must have known then that Bailey had already stated in his speeches that he had been employed by Pierce in many transactions as his attorney, for which services Pierce paid him. Bailey pronounces the papers in Davidson's possession as being forgeries and declares he never acted as an attorney for the Waters-Pierce Oil Company.

SHAH OF PERSIA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A special cable to the Herald from Teheran, Persia, reports that the Shah is dying and says his doctors admit he cannot live 24 hours. The dispatch says the Shah is in a semi-conscious condition and has lost the power of speech.